

Testimony of Andy Bauer
To the Energy & Technology Committee
March 20, 2012

In support of **SB 450, An Act Concerning Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy.**

Dear Senator Fonfara, Representative Nardello, and members of the Energy & Technology committee.

The Portland Clean Energy Task Force has already signed on to a joint letter asking for your support for SB 450. Please accept my personal request to do the same.

The Home Energy Solutions (HES) program has been a great boost to my efforts in Portland to help folks reduce fuel use and harmful emissions while at the same time making their homes more comfortable and saving money on their utility bills.

It is a shame and just plain wrong that folks who heat with oil will be left to fend for themselves when HES funds run out for oil customers. Essentially, this pretty much blocks any future home upgrades like insulation or other measures.

The HES is the starting point for good things – efficiency wise - to happen in people's homes. Please vote in favor of SB 450.

Sincerely,

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